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**Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Dr. A. James Mixson declares as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor named on the above-referenced patent application.
2. On a date prior to February 19, 1998, the earliest possible effective filing date of USSN 09/251,783 (Pack *et al.*), which was cited by the examiner, the invention of this application was reduced to practice in the United States.
3. To establish completion of the invention of this application, the following attached documents are submitted as evidence:
  - a) Custom Peptide Order Form (1 page copy of original with date redacted, labeled "Exhibit A")
  - b) Mass Spectroscopy Data (1 page copy of original with date redacted, labeled "Exhibit B")
  - c) Notebook Page (1 page copy of original with date redacted, labeled "Exhibit C")